

MINUTES
of the
SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: June 10, 2003

PLACE: 550 Olive Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chair, John Britton, Directors, David Davis, Lee Moldaver, Olivia Rodriguez and General Manager Gary Gleason

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Secord, Browning Allen, Roger Horton (City of Santa Barbara)
Lynnette Coverly, Sherrie Fisher, Jerry Estrada, Mark Thomsen, David Damiano and Barbra Nelson (MTD)

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair, Britton called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

2. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

Vice Chair Britton noted that all Board members were present and introduced new Director Dave Davis.

3. Report Regarding Posting of Agenda

General Manager Gary Gleason reported that the agenda for this meeting was posted at the MTD administrative headquarters one week prior to the meeting and mailed to media of general circulation.

4. Approval of Prior Minutes Report

Director Rodriguez moved to waive the reading of, and approve the minutes for the meeting of May 27, 2003. Director Moldaver seconded the motion, which passed with 3 ayes and 1 abstention.

5. Cash Report

Director Moldaver moved to adopt the cash report for the period of May 20, 2003, through June 2, 2003. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed with 3 ayes and one abstention.

6. Public Comment

Members of the public were present to observe and participate.

7. Service Change Discussion

Assistant General Manager Sherrie Fisher introduced the staff present. Ms. Fisher noted that throughout the year MTD audits and logs input from passengers via the drivers, fare boxes and traffic reports. The Assistant General Manager reported that in addition to the regular surveying, MTD went through an extensive process of fact finding and opinion gathering, holding 2 sets of 5 public meetings at various community locations during May to collect public input into the proposed fare increase and route changes.

Planning Manager Mark Thomsen went over the proposed changes in routes. Director Moldaver asked about several specific route changes. Director Davis inquired about the Cross Town Shuttle and if it would be reinstated. Director Moldaver noted that we have been talking with the City of Santa Barbara (City) regarding the reinstatement. Several members of the public voiced concerns about route changes and that they wanted more time to review issues.

Director Moldaver moved to continue item 7 until the next meeting. Director Davis seconded the motion, adding that MTD re-notify the public and the motion passed unanimously.

8. Fare Increase Discussion

Controller Jerry Estrada went over staff proposals for fare increases and the input from the public meetings noting that the public would prefer rate increases to service reduction. Several members of the public voiced comments about the proposed fare structure. Sherrie Fisher gave comments of bus riders who were not able to attend.

Director Davis asked the staff to present more options at the next meeting. Director Moldaver moved to continue item 8 and encouraged the public to bring additional ideas to present at that time. Vice Chair Britton seconded the motion after adding that the staff does more notice of the public meeting, which passed unanimously.

9. Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Discussion

Controller Estrada went over the budget for fiscal year 2004. Director Moldaver moved that the Board go over with MTD staff the actual listings with expenditures and continue item 9 until the next meeting. Director Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

10. General Manager's Reports

Mr. Gleason reported that the MTD staff has meetings set up with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and City staff.

11. Other Business and Committee Reports

Vice Chair Britton asked Director Davis if he would serve on the Finance Committee and he accepted. Director Rodriguez asked that the deadline be extended for the At-Large position available on the Board. Vice Chair Britton asked for volunteers for the committee to review applicants for the open position. Director Rodriguez and Davis volunteered. Vice Chair Britton thanked the MTD staff and the public for their participation. Director Moldaver asked that the Board's confirmation of Vice Chair Britton as Chair be put on the next agenda.

12. Adjournment

Director Davis moved to adjourn and Director Rodriguez seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.